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Applicant: SHENG, Thomas et al. Conf.: 1012
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For: AUTOMATIC SHEET FEEDER

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 14, 2005

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Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Restriction/Election Requirement in the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004, the following election and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are now present in this application.

The Examiner has issued an Election of Species Requirement between the following species;

Species 1: Figs. 1-5;

Species 2: Figs. 6-9;

Species 3: Figs. 10-13;

Species 4: Figs. 14-15;

Species 5: Figs. 16-17; and

Species 6: Fig. 18.

In response to this Election of Species Requirement, Applicant hereby elects Species I, Figure(s) 1-5. Claims 1-13 and 16 should read on this elected species. This election is with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that it should be no undue burden on the Examiner to consider all claims in the single application. Accordingly, this Election of Species Requirement should be overcome and withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

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